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SUBJECT: **BUSINESS LICENSE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY REPORT
FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006**

At the meeting of September 30, 1997, your Board approved amendments to the Los Angeles County Code requiring the Treasurer and Tax Collector, in cooperation with the Sheriff and the Department of Health Services, to implement a reporting format to track business license enforcement activity and to provide a quarterly summary to the Board of all license enforcement activities performed by the appropriate agencies.

A copy of the Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2006 is attached for your information. Detailed enforcement activity is available upon request.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (213) 974-2101 or your staff may contact Edward Eng of my staff at (213) 893-7968.

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Attachments

c: Business License Commission

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ACTIVITY SUMMARY REPORT
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Business License Denial – Billiard Room and Public Eating, Raymundo's, 2632 East Florence Avenue, Florence-Firestone, First District

On August 30, 2006, the Business License Commission conducted a hearing on a recommendation to deny a Billiard Room and Public Eating License Renewal for Raymundo's, located at 2632 East Florence Avenue, Florence-Firestone. At the hearing, a representative from the Sheriff's Department testified on the numerous calls for service to this location and the number of arrests resulting from possession and selling of illegal narcotics, prostitution, drunkenness and assaults with a deadly weapon. The Business License Commission concluded the hearing and upheld the recommendation to deny.

Business License Denial – Public Eating, Avalos Taco House, 4129 City Terrace Drive, East Los Angeles, First District

On October 4, 2006, the Business License Commission conducted a hearing on a recommendation to deny a Public Eating License Renewal for Avalos Taco House located at 4129 City Terrace Drive, East Los Angeles. At the hearing, a representative from the Sheriff's Department testified on the numerous calls for service at this location in response to illegal activities taking place. The Commission concluded the hearing and upheld the recommendation to deny.

Business License Denial – Chuan C. Li, Massage Technician, 6513 Whittier Blvd., East Los Angeles, First District

On October 18, 2006, the Business License Commission conducted a hearing on a recommendation to deny a Massage Technician License for Chuan C. Li. A representative from the Sheriff's Department testified that the place of business where Ms. Li intends to work does not have the required Massage Parlor License. County Counsel for the Commission responded that a Massage Parlor License is not required because Title VII provides an exception when a place of business has a valid State Chiropractor's License. The Business License Commission concluded the hearing and overturned the recommendation to deny.

TTC Participation in Nuisance Abatement Task Force Effort – 19368 East Heritage Place, Rowland Heights, Fourth District

On November 1, 2006, TTC participated in a District Attorney led Nuisance Abatement Task Force effort at the above address. The residential property at this location had been the subject of a number of complaints from the neighbors. In addition to TTC, Public Works Building and Safety, Regional Planning, Fire and the Sheriff's COPS team participated. During the inspection of the building, a number of violations were identified. Since the owner was not present, the District Attorney asked that no actions by the participating County department be taken. The District Attorney plans to deal with the owner directly.

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Unlicensed Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, 3668 and 3682 East Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, Fifth District

At the request of County Counsel, TTC staff conducted two site visits at separate locations regarding the operation of a medical marijuana dispensary without a County Business License. The inspections took place on November 7 and 8, 2006. Although both businesses were closed, a written warning was issued to each. Copies of the notices were forwarded to County Counsel. County Counsel has since informed our office that both businesses have ceased operations.

Los Angeles County Code Enforcement Training Conference, South Coast Botanic Gardens

On November 15, 2006, TTC staff attended the Los Angeles County Code Enforcement Training Conference sponsored by the Chief Administrative Office, Public Works, and Regional Planning. The Conference included presentations from the following County departments: Regional Planning, Public Works Building and Safety, Fire, and Public Health. There were also presentations made on the role and purpose of the Nuisance Abatement Teams, the role of the District Attorney in code enforcement, and the use of administrative inspection warrants.

Taxicab Sting Operation, Marina Del Rey, Fourth District

The Marina Del Rey Sheriff's Station has requested TTC assistance in coordinating a Taxicab sting operation targeting unlicensed taxicabs operating in and around the hotels and restaurants in Marina Del Rey. The operation took place on November 22, 2006, with a briefing at the Station beginning at 2:00 p.m. The operation commenced afterwards.

Altadena Town Hall Meeting, Altadena Community Center, 730 East Altadena Drive, Altadena, Fifth District

On Tuesday, November 28, TTC staff participated in a community town hall meeting at the above location. The event was co-sponsored by the Fifth District and the Altadena Sheriff's Station.

Lennox Peddler Enforcement, Second District

On November 28, 2006, TTC participated in a County multi-agency effort to enforce the County's Health and Business License Codes related to street peddling. The County agencies included the Sheriff, Public Health, Regional Planning, Public Works and TTC. This multi-agency effort, known as the Lennox Community Enhancement Team, and focused on violations occurring near schools and commercial areas.

TTC Participation in the Residential Placement Protocols Taskforce Meeting

On December 13, 2006, TTC staff participated in the Residential Protocol Taskforce meeting sponsored by the Chief Administrative Office. This meeting was to develop the agenda and to reiterate each County Department's role in the Protocol for the upcoming training session on January 31, 2007.

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BUSINESS LICENSE INSPECTIONS

NUMBER OF BUSINESSES INSPECTED

TTC	711
SHERIFF	28
HEALTH SERVICES	<u>457</u>
TOTAL	1196

	In-Compliance	Not In-Compliance
TTC	500	211
SHERIFF	23	5
HEALTH SERVICES	<u>405</u>	<u>52</u>
TOTAL	928	268

	Violations Corrected	Corrections Pending
TTC	99	112
SHERIFF	5	0
HEALTH SERVICES	<u>52</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	156	112

CALLS FOR SERVICE (TTC ONLY)

	CONSTITUENT INITIATED	REFERRALS FROM OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
Businesses Inspected	0	0
In-Compliance	0	0
Not In-Compliance	0	0
License Not Required	0	0
Violations Corrected	0	0
Referred to Business License Commission	0	0